

Patent claims

1. A combination of:

- (a) one or more partially neutralized esters of monoglycerides and/or diglycerides of saturated fatty acids with citric acid; and
- (b) α -lipoic acid.

2. The combination as claimed in claim 1, wherein the partially neutralized ester of monoglycerides and/or diglycerides of saturated fatty acids with citric acid chosen is glyceryl stearate citrate.

3. A cosmetic or dermatological oil-in-water emulsion preparation comprising a combination as claimed in claim 1.

4. The cosmetic or dermatological oil-in-water emulsion preparation as claimed in claim 3, wherein the partially neutralized ester(s) of monoglycerides and/or diglycerides of saturated fatty acids with citric acid is present in the preparation in a concentration of 0.1 - 20% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

5. The cosmetic or dermatological oil-in-water emulsion preparation as claimed in claim 4, wherein the partially neutralized ester(s) of monoglycerides and/or diglycerides of saturated fatty acids with citric acid is present in the preparation in a concentration of 0.5 - 10% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

6. The cosmetic or dermatological oil-in-water emulsion preparation as claimed in claim 5, wherein the partially neutralized ester(s) of monoglycerides and/or diglycerides of saturated fatty acids with citric acid is present in the preparation in a concentration of 1.0 - 5.0% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

7. A method of caring for skin comprising topically applying to said skin an effective amount therefor of a combination according to claim 1.

Variable	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Age	35.2	10.5	20	55
Gender	1.0	0.0	0	1
Marital status	1.5	0.5	0	2
Education	12.5	1.5	9	15
Income	1.2	0.3	0.5	2.0
Health	1.0	0.0	0	1
Smoking	0.5	0.5	0	1
Alcohol	0.5	0.5	0	1
Exercise	1.0	0.0	0	1
Stress	1.5	0.5	0	2
Depression	1.0	0.0	0	1
Anger	1.0	0.0	0	1
Loneliness	1.0	0.0	0	1
Life satisfaction	1.0	0.0	0	1
Overall health	1.0	0.0	0	1
Quality of life	1.0	0.0	0	1
Physical health	1.0	0.0	0	1
Mental health	1.0	0.0	0	1
Social health	1.0	0.0	0	1
Environmental health	1.0	0.0	0	1
Overall quality of life	1.0	0.0	0	1